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4. CHILE: CRACKDOWN PRODUCES VIOLENCE

//THE VIOLENCE FOLLOWING PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S DECISION TO CRACK
DOWN ON PARTICIPANTS IN THE NATIONWIDE PROTESTS ON THURSDAY PROBABLY
WILL INCREASE PRESSURE FROM ELEMENTS WITHIN HIS GOVERNMENT TO
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DEATHS, AND THERE WERE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF 1,200 ARRESTS, AS TROOPS AND POLICE USED TEAR GAS, CLUBS, AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AGAINST THE DEMONSTRATORS. A PROMINENT CIVILIAN CONSERVATIVE FAVORING A POLITICAL OPENING AND THE RETURN OF EXILES WAS SWORN IN ON WEDNESDAY TO REPLACE AN ARMY GENERAL AS INTERIOR MINISTER.// [REDACTED]

COMMENT: //THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE THE MOST EXTENSIVE AND VIOLENT SO FAR, AND THE FUNERALS FOR THOSE KILLED COULD PROMPT MORE VIOLENCE. THE SECURITY FORCES' LACK OF DISCIPLINE--REFLECTED IN THE REPORTED DEATHS OF CHILDREN FROM STRAY GUNFIRE--WILL OFFSET ANY POSITIVE EFFECTS OF THE RECENT CABINET CHANGES. PINOCHET FACES INCREASING CONCERN IN THE MILITARY OVER THE LACK OF ORDER AND A BOLDER AND MORE UNIFIED OPPOSITION. UNLESS SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IS MADE SOON TOWARD CIVILIAN RULE, A POLITICAL CRISIS IS LIKELY TO DEVELOP.// [REDACTED]

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